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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

M.S. -Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to the Office Action dated February 2, 2005 for a period of one month.

Please charge the \$60.00 fee to our American Express card. A Credit Card Payment Form is attached.

Small entity - Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees not covered by credit card payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 50-3123. (A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.)

Respectfully submitted,

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